

Maryland Coast Smart Council
February 25, 2019
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
DNR Meeting Notes

Tawes State Office Building
Conference Room C-1
580 Taylor Ave
Annapolis, MD 21401

Attendance: Jeannie Haddaway Riccio (DNR), Matthew Fleming (DNR), Gary Setzer (MDE), Sandy Hertz (MDOT), Elizabeth Habic (MDOT/SHA), Sepehr Baharlou (Bayland Consultants and Designers), Peter Goodwin (UMCES), Katherine Charbonneau (DNR/CAC), Sypros Papadimas (DGS), Joseph Abe (DNR), Catherine McCall (DNR), Kimberly Hernandez Grubert (DNR), Kevin Wagner (MDE), Dave Guignet (MDE), Emily Vainieri (OAG), Brian Ambrette (Eastern Shore Land Conservancy), Paul Berman, Christine Conn (DNR), Andrew Asgarali-Hoffman (MEMA), Jenn Raulin (DNR), Dave Nemazie (UMCES), Jim Bass (Eastern Shore Land Conservancy), Drew Budelis (Versar), Jackie Specht (DNR)

Conference Phone: Gerry Galloway (UMD), JaLeesa Tate (MEMA), Kevin Brown (Ocean City), Bill Neville (Ocean City), Mary Phillips (Somerset County), Gail Kenson (Navy), Mark Beck (USMD), Michael Bayer (MDP)

1:04 p.m. Meeting Began

Agenda Item #1

- Acting Secretary Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio welcomed everyone, asked for introductions and called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item #2

- Members were asked if there were any edits or additions to the 12-03-18 meeting notes. With none suggested a motion to approve the notes was requested. A motion to approve the 12-03-18 notes was made and seconded. The Council voted on and approved the meeting notes.

Agenda Item #3

Acting Secretary Haddaway-Riccio called for announcements and updates:

- Kevin Wagner mentioned on May 8, 2019 there will be a Flood Insurance Round Table held at the Navy Marine Corps Stadium. Intent is to start a discussion surrounding flood risks and insurance in Maryland.
- Jennifer Raulin mentioned ongoing work with UMD school of architecture and design for the Chesapeake Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (CBNERR) field research station incorporating Coast Smart Guidelines. Jenn asked Joe Abe to forward the link to the Council to provide comments/edits. Edits and comments are due on March 4, 2019.

Agenda Item #4

Coast Smart Council 2018 Annual Report:

- Joe Abe gave an overview of the Annual report and reviewed the timeline to get to the final report. On a tighter schedule than last year, looking to have the final draft to the State house by early April.
- Joe reviewed the 2018 Annual Report recommendations and asked for Council feedback. The Council agreed to remove the third recommendation regarding changing the name of the Council to Climate Smart. Council will consider this over the coming year as it requires a statutory change. Also interest in continuing the conversation surrounding incorporating Coast Smart into the Waterway Construction Program.
- Mapping Workgroup follow-up. Looking at several existing methodologies to determine the best data to use for flood-risk assessment (SHA, Salisbury, UMCES). Want to have a draft for council review by May meeting.
- Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) revision for Board of Public Works (BPW). Reviewed proposed changes to EAF based on conversations with Board of Public Works staff. Many State agencies use the EAF in project review packages submitted to the BPW to document efforts to avoid or minimize environmental impacts. The Council incorporated elements of its Coast Smart Assessment and Certificate into the EAF. In addition, Gary Setzer suggested that the EAF was very outdated and entire form should be updated. Gary, Sandy, and Emily will develop a final draft of the EAF for review by the Council and BPW.

Agenda Item #5

Kevin Wagner presented on the Maryland Flood Tabletop Workshop – Council members requested survey results. Joe Abe will forward workbook and other materials as appropriate.

2:00 pm: Meeting adjourned.